

Year B Easter 7 12 May 2024  
The Sunday after Ascension Day

Collect

O God the King of glory,  
you have exalted your only Son Jesus Christ  
with great triumph to your kingdom in heaven:  
we beseech you, leave us not comfortless,  
but send your Holy Spirit to strengthen us  
and exalt us to the place where our Saviour  
Christ is gone before,  
who is alive and reigns with you  
and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

The reading from Acts

In those days Peter stood up among the  
believers (together the crowd numbered about  
one hundred and twenty people) and said,  
'Friends, the scripture had to be fulfilled, which  
the Holy Spirit through David foretold  
concerning Judas, who became a guide for  
those who arrested Jesus - for he was  
numbered among us and was allotted his share  
in this ministry.'

So one of the men who have accompanied us  
throughout the time that the Lord Jesus went  
in and out among us, beginning from the  
baptism of John until the day when he was  
taken up from us - one of these must become a  
witness with us to his resurrection.' So they  
proposed two, Joseph called Barsabbas, who  
was also known as Justus, and Matthias. Then  
they prayed and said, 'Lord, you know  
everyone's heart. Show us which one of these  
two you have chosen to take the place in this  
ministry and apostleship from which Judas  
turned aside to go to his own place.' And they  
cast lots for them, and the lot fell on Matthias;  
and he was added to the eleven apostles.

This is the word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God.**

*Silence follows the reading*

Psalm 1

Blessed are they who have not walked  
in the counsel of the wicked :  
nor lingered in the way of sinners,  
nor sat in the assembly of the scornful.

**Their delight is in the law of the Lord :  
and they meditate on his law day and night.**

Like a tree planted by streams of water  
bearing fruit in due season,  
with leaves that do not wither :  
whatever they do, it shall prosper.

**As for the wicked, it is not so with them :  
they are like chaff**

**which the wind blows away.**

Therefore the wicked shall not  
be able to stand in the judgement :  
nor the sinner  
in the congregation of the righteous.

**For the Lord knows the way of the righteous :  
but the way of the wicked shall perish.**

Alleluia, alleluia

Come, Holy Spirit,  
fill the hearts of your faithful people  
and kindle in them the fire of your love.  
Alleluia

John 17. 6-19

'I have made your name known to those whom  
you gave me from the world. They were yours,  
and you gave them to me, and they have kept  
your word. Now they know that everything you  
have given me is from you; for the words that  
you gave to me I have given to them, and they  
have received them and know in truth that I  
came from you; and they have believed that  
you sent me. I am asking on their behalf; I am  
not asking on behalf of the world, but on  
behalf of those whom you gave me, because  
they are yours. All mine are yours, and yours  
are mine; and I have been glorified in them.  
And now I am no longer in the world, but they  
are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy  
Father, protect them in your name that you  
have given me, so that they may be one, as we  
are one. While I was with them, I protected  
them in your name that you have given me. I  
guarded them, and not one of them was lost  
except the one destined to be lost, so that the  
scripture might be fulfilled. But now I am  
coming to you, and I speak these things in the  
world so that they may have my joy made  
complete in themselves. I have given them  
your word, and the world has hated them  
because they do not belong to the world, just  
as I do not belong to the world. I am not asking  
you to take them out of the world, but I ask  
you to protect them from the evil one. They do  
not belong to the world, just as I do not belong  
to the world. Sanctify them in the truth; your  
word is truth. As you have sent me into the  
world, so I have sent them into the world. And  
for their sakes I sanctify myself, so that they  
also may be sanctified in truth.

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**MEETINGS**

MAC meeting  
Monday 13th May ,7pm - St Tydfil's

St David's LCC Meeting  
Wednesday 15 May 7pm.  
Please note the change of date

**CHURCHES UNLOCKED**

St David's is taking part in the Churches Unlocked scheme this year. The church will be open from 10am to 4pm every day from 1 June until 9 June. There are various events planned for the week. If you would like to help during these times there is a list at the back of the church to sign up. We would be very grateful for any help during the week.

**CONGRATULATIONS**

Congratulations to Lynda and Viv Price who celebrate their Golden Wedding Anniversary later this month.

**The next listening & discernment sessions for the future of the Ministry Area are on:-**

Saturday 25th May  
9:30-12:30 (bacon baps)  
St Tydfil's

Wednesday 29th May  
18:00-21:00 (cakes)  
St Mary's Merthyr Vale

Monday 3rd June  
11:00-14:00 (soup lunch)  
All Saints Dowlais

**SERVICES FOR THE WEEK**

Wednesday 14 May  
10.30am Holy Eucharist, St David's

Sunday 19 May  
The Day of Pentecost  
9.30am Sung Eucharist, St David's

11.00am  
"Voices from the Book of Acts"  
St Tydfil's

**"VOICES FROM  
THE BOOK OF ACTS"**  
A service of songs,  
prayers, readings  
and meditations for  
Pentecost



**Pentecost Sunday 19 May  
St Tydfil's Church 11.00am**

**NOTICES ABOUT THE NOTICES**

Please send notices for this news sheet to Dorothy Evans at dorothy754@gmail.com  
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The readings for next Sunday and church news sheets can be seen and downloaded from the St David's and St Tydfil's pages of the Ministry Area website at

<https://www.merthyrtydfilministryarea.co.ukst-davids-church>

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